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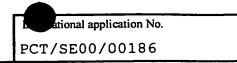
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| i | replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report. |

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Claims



| v. | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step | r industrial applicability; |
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| 1. Statement | | | |
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| Novelty (N) | Claims Claims | 1-8 | YES NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims Claims | 1-8 | YES NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-8 | YES NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention presents a method and an arrangement for the continuous manufacturing of profiled lignocellulosecontaining board or strip-like products.

The aim of the claimed invention is to provide a continuous process up to the finished product with as little material loss as possible. For this purpose, the method and arrangement possess the features defined in the characterising parts of claims 1 and 7 respectively.

The following documents are cited in the International Search Report:

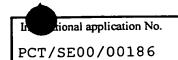
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D1 discloses a method for improving the mouldability of a board mat. Firstly, a first series of internally directed discontinuous incisions are made in the upper and lower surfaces of the fibreboard mat. Following is a step where a second series of internally directed discontinuous incisions are made in the previously first made incisions; the second series incisions are angled with respect to the incisions of the first series.

D2 relates to a method of manufacturing lignocellulosic fibreboards. The method comprises the steps of steam heating a mat and compressing it to form a partially hardened board, which is further compressed to a higher density.

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Supplemental Box

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The documents are considered to only represent prior art and do not disclose the special combination of features defined in the invention.

According to the invention the fibre mat prior to being pressed, is given a surface profile that is maintained during the steam injection process, whereupon the surface of the board of strip-like product is compressed.

It is not considered obvious to a person skilled in the art to apply these features to D1 or D2 and thus arrive at the invention as revealed in claims 1-8. Therefore, the subject matter of these claims fulfils the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

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